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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FRG MINAG OFFICIALS AND  
GERMAN TRADE REGARDING 1974/75 IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR  
FEED GRAINS, SOYBEANS AND SOYBEAN MEAL

BEGIN SUMMARY: MINAG OFFICIALS AND LEADING GERMAN TRAD-  
ERS AND GRAIN USERS MET WITH GOODMAN AND AMERICAN DELE-  
GATION ON FRIDAY , 29 NOVEMBER REGARDING GERMAN AND EEC  
IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR CORN, SOYBEAN MEAL, AND SOYBEANS  
FOR THE CROP YEAR 1974/75. MAJOR CONCLUSIONS OF THE  
MEETING WERE AS FOLLOWS: GERMANY'S FEED GRAIN RE-  
QUIREMENTS WILL BE MODESTLY ABOVE LAST YEAR'S LEVEL BUT  
DOWN IN THE OTHER EC MEMBER STATES. THEREFORE,  
GERMANY IS THE SOLE EXCEPTION, REQUIRING INCREASED GRAIN  
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UTILIZATION THIS YEAR. IMPORTS OF FEED GRAINS FROM

THE U.S. WILL PROBABLY BE LESS THAN LAST YEAR IF THE PRESENT CORN-WHEAT PRICE RATIO REMAINS UNCHANGED. HOWEVER, IF THE PRICE RELATIONSHIP REVERSES, GERMANY WILL PROBABLY IMPORT ABOUT AS MUCH CORN THIS YEAR FROM THE U.S. AS THEY DID LAST. PROTEIN MEAL REQUIREMENTS FROM THE UNITED STATES WILL REMAIN ABOUT EQUAL TO LAST YEAR'S LEVEL. WHEN QUERIED ON LARDINOIS' STATEMENT THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD REQUIRE ABOUT 7.6 MILLION METRIC TONS OF U.S. FEED GRAINS THIS YEAR, OF WHICH ABOUT 7 MILLION WILL BE CORN, THE TRADE NOTED THAT WHILE THIS WAS POSSIBLE, IT IS ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON WHAT HAPPENS IN THE OTHER MEMBER STATES, NOT WHAT HAPPENS IN GERMANY. THE IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR WHEAT FROM THE U.S. WERE ESTIMATED TO BE 400,000 TONS OF BREAD WHEAT AND 150,000 TONS OF DURUM WHEAT. THIS IS HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR BECAUSE OF THE LOWER QUALITY OF THE GERMAN WHEAT CROP AND SOMEWHAT LESS TAKINGS FROM CANADA BECAUSE OF ANTICIPATED CANADIAN QUALITY PROBLEMS. END SUMMARY.

1. INCREASED LIVESTOCK NUMBERS IN GERMANY THIS YEAR ARE EXPECTED TO MODESTLY INCREASE THE TOTAL 1974/75 FEED REQUIREMENTS. THE INCREASE IN GERMAN FEED GRAIN REQUIREMENTS IS NOT EXPECTED TO OCCUR IN OTHER EEC MEMBER STATES WHERE FEED GRAIN CONSUMPTION IS PROJECTED TO BE BELOW LAST YEAR'S LEVEL.

2. BASED ON THE PRESENT WHEAT-CORN PRICE RATIO, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT MORE WHEAT WILL BE SUBSTITUTED FOR CORN IN FEED RATIONS. THE SLACKENING OF THE DEMAND FOR CORN HAS BEEN REFLECTED BY THE LOWER LEVEL OF COMMUNITY LICENSES ISSUED FOR IMPORTS OF CORN FROM THIRD COUNTRIES. DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST 1-NOVEMBER 20 THIS YEAR TOTAL COMMUNITY LICENSES FOR CORN IMPORTS WERE ABOUT 2 MILLION METRIC TONS COMPARED TO 4.2 MILLION METRIC TONS DURING THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

3. WHILE THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE HIGH LEVEL

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OF EEC WHEAT STOCKS WILL PROBABLY STIMULATE FEED CONSUMPTION OF WHEAT, THERE CONTINUED TO BE A NOTE OF CAUTION CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF FRENCH FEED WHEAT IN GERMANY . GERMAN IMPORTS OF FRENCH WHEAT DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST-SEPTEMBER WERE ONLY 50,000 METRIC TONS THIS YEAR COMPARED TO 130,000 METRIC TONS LAST YEAR.

4. LARDINOIS' ESTIMATE THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD REQUIRE 7.6 MILLION METRIC TONS OF U.S. FEED GRAINS THIS YEAR WILL IN LARGE PART BE DEPENDENT UPON WHAT HAPPENS IN OTHER MEMBER STATES, NOT IN GERMANY. AS AN EXAMPLE, THERE STILL REMAINS A QUESTION IF FRENCH WHEAT SHIPMENTS TO OTHER MEMBER STATES IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WILL BE HIGH, ESPECIALLY TO THE U.K. AND ITALY.

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5. GERMAN IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH QUALITY U.S. WHEAT WILL BE UP THIS YEAR DUE TO THE LOW QUALITY OF GERMAN MILLING WHEAT. THE TRADE ESTIMATED THAT THEY WOULD REQUIRE 500,000 - 600,000 METRIC TONS OF BREAD WHEATS, OF WHICH ABOUT 80 PERCENT WOULD BE OF U.S. ORIGIN. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE THE TRADITIONAL REQUIREMENT OF 100,000 - 150,000 METRIC TONS OF DURUM WHEAT. IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR U.S. DURUM WHEAT WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON THE QUALITY OF THE CANADIAN DURUM CROP, WHICH AT THIS TIME APPEARS TO BE QUESTIONABLE.

6. GERMAN SOYBEAN AND SOYBEAN MEAL IMPORT REQUIREMENTS  
ARE EXPECTED TO BE AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS LAST YEAR;  
HOWEVER, THE LEVEL OF IMPORTS WILL IN PART BE DEPENDENT  
UPON THE AVAILABLE PRODUCT MIX OF GRAINS  
AND NON-GRAIN FEEDS.  
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